

# A Blessed Easter!

March 31, 2024



**Christ is risen! Alleluia!** Welcome, one and all, to this Resurrection Sunday worship celebration!

**Holy Communion:** All are welcome to come forward at the time of communion to receive God's gift of grace. Gluten free wafers as well as juice are available for those with specific dietary needs. Juice is available as an alternative to wine, in the center of each communion tray. Speak to an usher if you need assistance coming forward.

**A large-print bulletin** is available from an usher. If it's helpful to you or someone you are worshipping with, please take one.

**Brass and Percussion Players:** Robert Hughes, Nick White, Abigail Hughes, Connor Schmidt, Dave Mikec, Noah Manke, Jack Dankwardt, and Brian Smith.

## **Join us for Breakfast Today, downstairs in Fellowship Hall**

### *Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip*

Hop on down to Fellowship Hall on Easter morning for a festive Easter Breakfast from 9:30 – 10:45. The menu includes a scrambled egg bar with lots of toppings, fruit, doughnuts, juice, and plenty of coffee. There will even be hot beignets, a favorite New Orleans treat, to top off the meal! Youth who are participating in this summer's Mission Trip to New Orleans will be involved in prepping and serving the breakfast. Suggested donation for the breakfast is \$8 for adults, \$5 for children aged 3-11, and kids under 3 free. We appreciate your support.

**Office Closed April 1st:** We'll be closed the day after Easter, Monday, April 1st.

## **St. Matthew's to Serve as Polling Site on April 2**

Due to the remodeling construction going on at the Muellner Building in Hart Park, the City of Wauwatosa has asked to use our location as a place for people to vote on April 2. We are glad to be able to host this important community function in our space.

**Wed. Evening Bible Study meets this week** on April 3 from 6:00-7:00pm, continuing through May. We are currently studying the Book of Jonah. Come when you can.

**Holy Week Offerings to Support Scholarship Programs in El Salvador and Tanzania - *Your donations are providing an Education!*** Offerings collected during Lent and Holy Week this year will be used to help students in our partner parishes in El Salvador and Tanzania. Help young people in El Salvador and Tanzania imagine a different future – one that can give them hope and lift them out of poverty.

## Bulletin Insert for Sunday, March 31, 2024



You Are Cordially Invited  
To the Service of Installation for  
**Lead Pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar**  
**Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
At the  
8:30 and 11:00 am services  
With Guest Preacher  
The Reverend Bishop Paul Erickson  
ELCA Greater Milwaukee Synod

**A Festive Reception** will be held  
Between services in the Upper Commons

*Please join us for this historic and  
long-awaited day at St. Matthew's!*



**Planning a Baptism? Come to the Baptism class on Sunday, April 14:** You'll learn about what baptism means from one of the pastors, have an opportunity to ask questions about what will happen on the day of your child's baptism, and meet other parents. The time is 9:45-10:45 am. If you are thinking about baptism or have a baby due soon, sign up by calling or email the church office, 414-774-0441 or [office@stmattslutheran.org](mailto:office@stmattslutheran.org)

**Join St. Matthew's Faith Community! New Member Classes on April 7th and April 21st**  
We invite you to join us. Classes will take place on Sunday mornings, April 7th and April 21st, from 9:45-10:45 AM. The classes offer an introduction to our congregation, how to find your faith fed and nurtured, how and why we serve our neighbors, and what it means to be a Lutheran Christian. This time together helps us to get to know you personally and provides space for you to interact with church members as well as others interested in joining St. Matthew's Church. Contact Sue Swing or the church office for more information.

**Children's Clothing Swap returns on Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 9:30–11:00 a.m. In the Commons area - outside library** Simply bring your kids' outgrown or unwanted clothes (size newborn through size 14), shoes and accessories and swap them for other items. We only ask that the clothes you bring are appropriate for spring/summer and in relatively good condition. If possible, please group clothing by size and mark the size on the bag/box. Clothing may be dropped off at the church office from April 2nd – April 13th (labeled "Clothing Swap") or brought on the morning of the swap. Clothing only; no toys or children's furniture.

**Deborah Circle** will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 12:30 pm in the Upper Room.

**Sunday Morning Women's Group** Our next meeting is Sunday, April 7th 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Youth Room. Led by Katie Nickel. All are welcome!

**Undie Sunday** collection is coming up April 7-21! We do this collection for Guest House and Benedict Center, and collect all sorts of underwear for men and women. Look for a list in an upcoming bulletin, and if you see a sale on underwear in the meantime, please consider picking up some before the collection begins. Thanks for your support of this collection!

**Our three-part series on the Holy Land is now available on website home page:**

**The Israel-Hamas war: Understanding the ongoing crisis** At the center of the hostilities are issues of land, millenniums of history and two Abrahamic faiths. Scroll down the home page of our website ([www.stmattslutheran.org](http://www.stmattslutheran.org)) and click on the links for each presentation.

**And a Follow-Up: Discussing the Israel-Hamas War: A forum** The church recently hosted leading Muslim and Jewish voices in Milwaukee as they passionately debated the history of Israel-Palestine, the situation in Gaza and the current war between Israel and Hamas. Where do we go from here? Conor Williams and Dan Bice will lead an adult forum on **April 21** aimed at helping members of the congregation reflect and focus on the key issues in this Middle Eastern dispute.

SAINTS Older Adults Gathering: Wednesday, April 17 beginning at 11:30am

**“Milwaukee’s Love Affair with Baseball – The Story of a City and a Sport”**

With Dr. Stephen Hauser -- Join us for some baseball fun just two weeks after the Brewers win their home opener. Dr. Stephen Hauser will present a baseball talk to be enjoyed by people who don't even like baseball. His historical presentation opens in 1859 and will carry us to the arrival of the Milwaukee Braves in 1953. A fifth-generation and lifelong Wisconsin resident, Dr. Hauser recently retired after 40 years as a history professor at Marquette University. *Saints is St. Matthew's Older Adults Ministry which meets monthly for fellowship, devotion, entertainment and a box lunch (suggested donation \$12). Sign up at the Welcome Center or church office, 414.774.0441.*

**Beer Barons of St. Matthew's - April Fundraiser**

The Beer Barons of St. Matthew's convene once again this April, as they do every month, on the third Thursday of each month - this time April 18th. This month's gathering takes place at The Gathering Place - Tosa Tap Room, located at 7208 W. North Ave. The generous owner has pledged to donate 20% of the proceeds from our gathering back to St. Matthew's for a designated benevolent cause! While drinking is not required, the Beer Barons extend a warm invitation to the men of St. Matthew's to join in, connecting with others over 'liquid bread' and supporting a noble endeavor.

**First Fridays Book Group Discussion** - We meet on the first Friday of each month for a discussion, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Upper Room at church. You can come just for the books you choose to read with us! Or come to all of them. You're sure to enjoy the discussion.

**April 5** *Janesville: An American Story*, by Amy Goldstein, 351 pages

**May 3** *The Sweetness of Forgetting* by Kristin Harmel, 367 pages

**June 7** *Remarkably Bright Creatures: A Novel* by Shelby Van Pelt, 360 pages

**Men's Breakfast on April 20 to feature famous Milwaukee Civil Rights Leader  
Pastor Joseph Ellwanger** *Breakfast begins at 7:30am*

Men of St. Matthew's, bring your friends and come hear a great speaker after a delicious breakfast at the next Men's Breakfast gathering on Saturday, April 20 from 7:30-9:00 am. The Rev. Joseph Ellwanger is a man who once fought on the frontlines of the Civil Rights movement in this country.

Pastor Joe has written a book "Strength for the Struggle" in which he shares his experiences and wisdom as a pastor in times of great social struggle, encouraging people to know that they are called by God and surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses to live and act courageously.

In Milwaukee, Pastor Joe served as pastor of Cross Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, our partner congregation, for 34 years, retiring in 2001. He has continued to be active in social justice ministries throughout the area ever since.

Join us on April 20 for this inspirational time together.

**What's New With Mt Meru Coffee?** Introducing the Mt. Meru coffee, Spring Blend.

- Blend of 80% regular and 20% Peaberry -Available in regular grind or bean.
- Natural flavors of chocolate, citrus, and coffee blossom. -12 oz. size for \$15.
- Available by special order only, as Supply is limited.

In addition, don't forget our standard coffees in regular, decaf, and peaberry, grind or bean, available at the coffee cart for purchase. Stop by and check it out today!

**Monday Morning Men's Bible Study:** Come join us from 6:30-7:30 am on Monday mornings to study and discuss scripture. Matthew 4:4 – *Jesus answered: "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

**No Bible Study this Wednesday morning:** Resumes on April 10 from 10:00-11:00am.

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